

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

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Hard Empty Capsules From Brazil, the People’s Republic of China, India, and the Socialist Republic of Vietnam: Postponement of Preliminary Determinations in the Countervailing Duty Investigations

AGENCY: Enforcement and Compliance, International Trade Administration, Department of Commerce.

DATES: Applicable January 15, 2025.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**Background**

On November 13, 2024, the U.S. Department of Commerce (Commerce) initiated countervailing duty (CVD) investigations of imports of Hard Empty Capsules (capsules) from Brazil, China, India, and Vietnam.¹ Currently, the preliminary determinations are due no later than January 17, 2025.

Postponement of Preliminary Determinations

Section 703(b)(1) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (the Act), requires Commerce to issue the preliminary determination in a CVD investigation within 65 days after the date on which Commerce initiated the investigation. However, section 703(c)(1) of the Act permits Commerce to postpone the preliminary determination in a CVD investigation until no later than 130 days after the date on which Commerce initiated the investigation if: (A) the petitioner makes a timely request for a postponement; or (B) Commerce concludes that the parties concerned are cooperating, that the investigation is extraordinarily complicated, and that additional time is necessary to make a

preliminary determination. Under 19 CFR 351.205(e), the petitioner must submit a request for postponement 25 days or more before the scheduled date of the preliminary determination and must state the reasons for the request. Commerce will grant the request unless it finds compelling reasons to deny the request.

On December 16, 2024, the petitioner² submitted a timely request that Commerce postpone the preliminary CVD determinations.³ The petitioner stated that postponement of the preliminary determinations is necessary because the current schedule does not provide Commerce with adequate time to fully analyze the forthcoming questionnaire responses of the mandatory respondents and issue supplemental questionnaires, as necessary.⁴

In accordance with 19 CFR 351.205(e), the petitioner submitted its request for postponement of the preliminary determinations in these investigations 25 days or more before the scheduled date of the preliminary determinations and stated the reasons for its request. Commerce finds no compelling reason to deny the request. Therefore, in accordance with section 703(c)(1)(A) of the Act, Commerce is postponing the deadline for the preliminary determinations in these investigations to no later than 130 days after the date on which it initiated these investigations, *i.e.*, March, 24, 2025.⁵ Pursuant to section 705(a)(1) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.210(b)(1), the deadline for the final determinations of these investigations will continue to be 75 days after the date of the preliminary determinations.

This notice is issued and published pursuant to section 703(c)(2) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.205(f)(1).

Dated: December 19, 2024.

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Deputy Assistant Secretary for Enforcement and Compliance.

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² The petitioner is Lonza Greenwood LLC.

³ See Petitioner’s Letter, “Lonza’s Request for Postponement of the Department’s Countervailing Duty Preliminary Determinations,” dated December 16, 2024.

⁴ *Id.*

⁵ Because the deadline for these preliminary results falls on the weekend (*i.e.*, March 23, 2025), the deadline became the next business day (*i.e.*, March 24, 2025). See *Notice of Clarification: Application of “Next Business Day” Rule for Administrative Determination Deadlines Pursuant to the Tariff Act of 1930, As Amended*, 70 FR 24533 (May 10, 2005).

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[C–570–195]

Active Anode Material From the People’s Republic of China: Initiation of Countervailing Duty Investigation

AGENCY: Enforcement and Compliance, International Trade Administration, Department of Commerce.

DATES: Applicable January 7, 2025.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**The Petition**

On December 18, 2024, the U.S. Department of Commerce (Commerce) received a countervailing duty (CVD) petition concerning imports of active anode material from the People’s Republic of China (China) filed in proper form on behalf of the American Active Anode Material Producers (the petitioner),¹ an *ad hoc* trade association of domestic producers.² The CVD Petition was accompanied by an antidumping duty (AD) petition concerning imports of active anode material from China.³

Between December 19, 2024, and January 2, 2025, Commerce requested supplemental information pertaining to certain aspects of the Petition in supplemental questionnaires.⁴ On December 27, 2024, and January 3, 2025, the petitioner filed timely responses to these requests for additional information.⁵

¹ The members of the American Active Anode Material Producers are Anovion Technologies, Syrah Technologies LLC, NOVONIX Anode Materials LLC, Epsilon Advanced Materials, and SKI US, Inc.

² See Petitioner’s Letter, “Petition for the Imposition of Antidumping and Countervailing Duties,” dated December 18, 2024 (Petition).

³ *Id.*

⁴ See Commerce’s Letters, “Supplemental Questions,” dated December 19, 2024; and “Supplemental Questions,” dated December 20, 2024 (General Issues Questionnaire); see also Memorandum, “Phone Call with Counsel to the Petitioner,” dated January 2, 2025 (January 2, 2025, Memorandum).

⁵ See Petitioner’s Letters, “Response to Supplemental Questions Regarding Common Issues and Injury Volume I of the Petitions,” dated December 27, 2024 (First General Issues Supplement); “Response to Supplemental Questions Regarding Countervailing Duty Volume III of the Petitions,” dated December 27, 2024; and “Response to Supplemental Questions Regarding

¹ See *Hard Empty Capsules from Brazil, the People’s Republic of China, India, and the Socialist Republic of Vietnam: Initiation of Countervailing Duty Investigations*, 89 FR 91680 November 20, 2024) (*Initiation Notice*).